

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, The U.S.S. South Dakota, known officially as B.B. 57, has the distinct honor of being the most decorated battleship in the history of our nation; and,

WHEREAS, After its christening in 1941, the U.S.S. South Dakota went on to become the first of only four battleships to receive the distinguished Navy Unit Citation during World War II. The ship also shares the record for the most battlestars received by an American battleship during World War II; and,

WHEREAS, The U.S.S. South Dakota, also known by its code name of "Battleship X," received its baptism of fire at Santa Cruz, and henceforth became a mainstay of the American fleet during the Second World War; and,

WHEREAS, All the accolades this historic vessel received during its five years as a commissioned U.S. battleship can be directly attributed to the brave and dedicated crew members that led "Old Nameless" into battle; and,

WHEREAS, Every other year, former crew members from all over the nation travel to South Dakota to reminisce about the glory days aboard B.B. 57; and,

WHEREAS, The people of this state are proud of the U.S.S. South Dakota and are grateful for the many soldiers who risked their lives to keep our country free. We are honored that so many have returned to our state to share their pride with us on this, our nation's Independence Day, 1983:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Monday, July 4, 1983, as

U.S.S. SOUTH DAKOTA CREW MEMBER RECOGNITION DAY

In South Dakota.



ATTEST:

Alice Kundert
ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE

BY *Jay D. Vogt*
JAY D. VOGT, DEPUTY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-ninth Day of June, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Three

William J. Janklow
WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

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James A. [Signature]